

REMARKS

Claim 21-25 are presently pending in the application.

Claims 5-10 and 20 have been cancelled as directed to a non-elected invention, without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application directed to the subject matter thereof. Claims 1-4 and 11-19 have been cancelled without prejudice to the filing of a continuation application directed to the subject matter thereof.

New claims 21-25 are directed to a preferred embodiment of the presently claimed invention. These claims are supported, for example, by practical Example 2 at the bottom of page 10 and the top of page 11 of the application. Accordingly, no new matter has been added, and entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

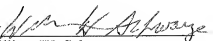
In the Advisory Action dated July 22, 2011, the Examiner maintained the rejections set forth in the Office Action dated December 27, 2010. However, the Examiner agreed that the Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 of Alexander Kraft ("Kraft Declaration") filed on June 27, 2011 established improvements in the electrical switching characteristics and the permanent switching stability of the ion-conductive thermoplastic compositions of the practical examples set forth in Kraft Declaration, as compared to compositions of the prior art. In particular, the Examiner agreed that compositions having the ranges of units set forth at the middle of page 2 of the Advisory Action had been established to have these improved properties and presumably showed sufficiently unexpected results to overcome any *prima facie* case of obviousness based upon the rejection of record.

Since practical Example 2 set forth at pages 10-11 of the present application, (Practical Example 1 of the Kraft Declaration) is within the ranges for which the Examiner agrees that improvement has been established, and the present claims are within these ranges, it is submitted that the present claims are patentable over the prior art of record. Since all of the rejected claims have been cancelled, the previous rejection is now moot, and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

In view of the preceding Amendments and Remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims distinguish over the cited art. Therefore, the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

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